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1. The former government machine factory has been seized for use as a repair shop for Russian armor. It has been enlarged and modernized to permit major repairs to be made. Axles for prime movers, armored cars and trucks can be handled. Two new ramps are being built in Szinyei-Merse [REDACTED] to permit the heaviest tanks ingress and egress. 25X1
2. The Mayer auto repair shop is required to work for the Russian Army, although not officially seized. The former owner, Mayer, remains as operational head. He was accorded a considerable credit by the government, at Russian behest, to build two new workshops, equipped with the most modern machinery. A Russian major controls all operations, and is responsible for the quality of the work done.
3. The Russians have taken over the Horváth auto repair shop on Komáromi Street 5. It handles personnel cars and light trucks. They have also taken over the Sabaria garage, which does light repairs and serves as a storehouse for tires.
4. Gasoline and oil is issued to Russian units from the big POL depot in Kőszegi Street. Hungarian cars, including those of the Hungarian Army, use the tank installations on Szentharomság tér and in Petőfi Sándor [REDACTED] Large Hungarian busses and heavy trucks are supplied from Komáromi Street. 25X1
5. Flour is issued weekly from the food magazine at Petőfi Sándor [REDACTED] 25X1
6. The main food depots for Russian troops are in Söptei [REDACTED] Hungarian bakeries produced the bread for the troops from a mixture of 20 percent flour and 80 percent rye flour. The Russian soldiers get 1,000 grams of bread daily. 25X1

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The main bakery used is the Schladminger bakery at Faludy Ferenc [redacted]
The autos that pick up the bread at the bakery [redacted]

[redacted]...., [redacted] The Spielmann
butcher shop makes large meat deliveries to the Russians daily.

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7. The 11 Hungarian Recruiting Command is at Kisfaludy [redacted] Its head is a
lieutenant colonel. Recruits are sent to Miskolc and Budapest.

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8. At Kőrmend there are at present a Russian armored battalion and a motorized
infantry battalion. Many families of Russian soldiers are in the town, and 25X1
the Hotel Korona is occupied by unmarried Russian officers. There are more than
100 trucks in the courtyard of the castle. [redacted]

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